

Art Arrives on Campus

Since the first time an early human placed his handprint on the wall of a cave, artists have been bedeviled by the question: “So what is it *for*?”

Sculptor Jim Cole doesn't have that problem. He has spent his career creating masses of stone and metal that look like they should be on display in an art museum – though they're meant to be used as furniture.

His latest project, a group of sculptures titled “Separation of Powers,” is now a permanent part of the landscape at the Levin College of Law. Cole began installing the sculptures on the law school campus in mid-October. The artworks are meant to help define the law school's main entrance and to provide seating for more than a dozen students between classes.

“I think people should be allowed to touch sculpture,” said Cole, who teaches furniture design at the Rhode Island School of Design. “Lots of people have special little objects they feel very attached to, and texture is part of that bond. People should be allowed to bond with



Artist Jim Cole (left) and his assistant, Malcolm Majer, take a break after installing a sculpture in the west entrance to the law school. The pair towed the first three pieces of a sculpture collection titled “Separation of Powers” from Vermont to Florida in mid-October.

art in the same way.”

The sculptures are funded through the Art in State Buildings Program, which requires state agencies and public universities to set aside funds for public artwork whenever they embark on a new construction project. The law school has just completed a \$25 million renovation project that modernized classrooms and greatly expanded the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center, now

the largest law library in the Southeast.

Associate Dean for Library and Technology Kathleen Price, who also teaches art law, served on the university-wide committee charged with purchasing art for the newly-renovated building. She said the group chose Cole, in part, because he suggested they survey Price's art law students to determine what sort of art the student body wants.

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Free Barbecue Nov. 2

To help build a stronger law school community, the Levin College of Law is holding a free barbecue for all students, faculty and staff from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. next Wednesday, Nov. 2, in the Marcia Schott Courtyard. The event is sponsored by UF alumni Gene and Elaine Glasser, who brought us last semester's popular ice cream social. Bring your appetite – and a smile.

Time to Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Oct. 30. Make sure you turn your clocks back this weekend.



Weather Updates on UF Website

As *FlaLaw* goes to press, Hurricane Wilma swirls in the Gulf of Mexico, its future path still uncertain. For updates on tropical weather and its effects on UF activities, go to: www.ufl.edu/weather/hurricane.html.

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CAREER SERVICES

Hints to help you in the legal profession

Learn Research Techniques

Electronic Services Librarian Maryellen O'Brien will offer a series of workshops on legal research this week in the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center. These classes meet at the library's reference desk. Topics and dates are as follows:

Secondary Sources:

- Oct. 24 – 2 p.m.
- Oct. 25 – 3 p.m.
- Oct. 26 – 2 p.m.
- Oct. 27 – 11 a.m.
- Oct. 30 – 2 p.m.

Finding Case Law:

- Oct. 25 – 2 p.m.
- Oct. 26 – 2:30 p.m.
- Oct. 27 – 3 p.m.
- Oct. 28 – 11 a.m.
- Oct. 29 – 11 a.m.
- Oct. 30 – 7 a.m.

Finding Statutes

- Oct. 24 – 3 p.m.
- Oct. 26 – 3 p.m.
- Oct. 27 – 3 p.m.

If you have any comments or suggestions, e-mail Maryellen O'Brien at: obrien@law.ufl.edu.

Deadline Nears for Soros Fellowship

Nov. 1 is the deadline to apply for the Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship Program. For more information, see <http://www.pdsoros.org/>.

Bar Exam Basics: Tips on Taking the Test

It's out there. Looming in the future beyond your graduation date is the test that will allow you to finally lay claim to the title "attorney" – or send you back for a few more months of grueling study.

If you're in your third year of law school, it's time to focus on successfully completing the bar exam. Here's a brief introduction to the things you need to know going into the exam.

An Overview

The exam consists of the Florida General Bar Examination (Part A), the Multistate Bar Examination (Part B) and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (Part C).

Parts A and B of the exam are administered twice per year, always on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in February and July, at the Tampa Convention Center. **The Florida Essay** portion of the test, consisting of three essay questions, is held on Tuesday morning, with a **multiple-choice test** following in the afternoon.

Part A covers subjects selected from the following:

- Florida Constitutional Law
- Florida Rules of Civil and Criminal Procedure
- Florida Rules of Judicial Administration (Rules 2.051, 2.060 and 2.160)
- Federal Constitutional Law
- Chapters 4 & 5 of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar



- Business Entities including Corporations & Partnerships
- Wills & Administration of Estates
- Contracts, Criminal Law & Procedure
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Real Property
- Torts and Trusts

The Florida Board of Bar Examiners offers a free downloadable study guide for Part A that includes essay questions from two previous administrations, sample answers to the essay questions, and sample multiple choice questions.

Wednesday is devoted to the **Multistate Bar Exam (MBE)**. The 2006 MBE Information Booklet is available online at the National Conference of Bar Examiners website (www.ncbex.org/pub.htm), and provides a description of the MBE, outlines of the subject matter covered, and representative sample questions.

Applying for the Exam

To gain admission to the exam, you must **convert your Florida Bar application** to the application to take the exam (Form 1A). At this stage you will go online (www.floridabarexam.org/) to complete the exam application. This short application seeks identifying information and then asks for the exam date and whether you have met the legal requirements for taking the exam. You then print this application and mail it along with your 2-by-2 photo, fingerprint card, and \$375 filing fee (presupposing you filed as an early applicant).

The regular application deadline is Nov. 15 for the Feb. 2006 exam, while May 1, 2006, is the regular application date for the July 2006 exam. In Florida it is possible to file late for the exam up to Feb. 16 or July 16 at an additional cost of \$100 to \$1,000.

If you wish to use a personal laptop for the Florida essay portion of the exam, there is an additional \$100 non-refundable fee. You must apply for the laptop option between Dec. 1 and

Jan. 15 for the February exam and May 1 and June 15 for the July exam. If you need an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you will need to submit a supplemental application.

A Place to Stay

You will also want to be sure to make reservations for your Tampa hotel anywhere from six months to one year in advance. The hotels within walking distance of the Tampa Convention Center sell out quickly. Usually the price is more reasonable if you register far in advance. Career Services has handouts with information on hotels. The law school provides lunch for interested graduates each day of the exam for a nominal cost. Students can register and pre-pay for this lunch before graduation or thereafter by contacting Tena Canter in the Dean's Suite.

One Last Test

Part C, the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE), involves a separate registration process through the National Conference of Bar Examiners. Information, along with an online application, is available at <http://www.ncbex.org/mpre.htm>. This exam is offered in March, August and November of each year, and the University of Florida is one of the test sites. The exam consists of 60 multiple choice questions administered over two hours. The MPRE can be taken while you are still in law school – but it is important to carefully plan your exam

schedule, as the MPRE score is valid for only 25 months. The next available offering will be on March 11, 2006, and the regular registration deadline is Jan. 31. The test costs \$55, though a late registration fee of \$110 will be accepted until Feb. 16, 2006. Subsequent test dates include: Aug. 4, 2006 (regular registration ends June 27; late registration ends July 21) and Nov. 4, 2006 (regular registration ends Sept. 26; late registration ends Oct. 12).

Waiving In and Reciprocity

All applicants to The Florida Bar must take the exam. You cannot waive into Florida, as admission is by exam only. Also, Florida will not accept or transfer the successful completion of the MBE taken in another state. Conversely, a number of other states will accept members of the Florida Bar and/or transfer credit for the successful completion of the MBE. Assistant Dean for Career Services Linda Calvert Hanson explained that a few jurisdictions have rules that provide for admission on motion, including Washington, D.C., where an attorney admitted by exam in Florida who achieved a 133 scaled MBE score and 75 scaled MPRE score can waive into the D.C. Bar without taking an additional bar exam. For full information on an individual state's bar requirements, consult the Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission available in the CCS or online at www.ncbex.org/offices.htm.

Calvert Hanson cautions students interested in taking the Georgia Bar exam that, while Florida permits late bar application registrations and allows graduates to sit for the bar before their fitness and character determination has been completed, that is not the case in Georgia.

"At least once every year, we hear from a recent UF law graduate who accepted employment in Atlanta but failed to timely register for the Georgia Bar after having assumed the process was similar to Florida's," she said. "Much to their chagrin, they find there is no recourse except to wait until the next application period begins, which also delays beginning to work."

Calvert Hanson said Georgia applicants must be certified by the Georgia board to determine fitness of the bar applicant prior to even filing the application to take the bar, a process that can take five to seven months.

Some Final Advice

Calvert Hanson offered one other important piece of advice to test-takers: try to avoid working while studying for the Bar, if at all possible. To make the bar exam a "once-in-a-lifetime experience," Dean Calvert Hanson cautioned, you need full-time, intensive preparation. Private Bar study loans are available for up to 12 months prior to graduation to help pay Bar-related expenses and to permit you to take time off from work. Interested students can see Carol Huber, Financial Aid Counselor in Student Affairs, for loan packets.



Deadline Approaching for Job Offers

If you received a job offer from your summer employer before Sept. 15, remember that Nov. 1 is your deadline to respond. These matters are governed by the National Association for Law Placement's Standards for the Timing of Offers and Decisions, which govern both student and employer behavior during the hiring process to ensure fair treatment for all.

Under NALP rules, a student with a Nov. 1 response deadline may extend to Dec. 1, with the permission of the employer, if the student is holding one other offer (and one only). It is important to let prospective employers know if you are competing for a fellowship or judicial clerkship with late hiring decisions.

Remember that when you release an offer, it may be extended to one of your UF classmates. Holding on to an offer you do not intend to accept is not merely discourteous to the employer – it's unfair to other job-seekers.

Please do not accept a job unless you intend to honor your commitment. Rescinding acceptance of an offer is unprofessional behavior that may damage your reputation in the legal community. If your circumstances change and you are considering backing out of an offer, please contact Career Services for advice before calling the employer.



EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Journal Seeks Submissions

The American College of Civil Trial Mediators is now seeking short articles (no more than 30 pages in length, including footnotes) that deal with current issues relevant to mediation for its new *Journal of Mediation*. Professor Don Peters, a member of the college, is participating in this journal as a law school collaborator. Contact him before Nov. 1 if you are interested in submitting something for possible publication. Selection of participants will follow, with final drafts due no later than Jan. 26.

Faculty Enrichment Lecture Today

Wayne State University Professor of Law Jessica Litman will speak on Grokster and fair use in this week's faculty enrichment event, held at noon today, Oct. 24, in the faculty dining room.

Tour State Prison, County Jail

The Criminal Law Association has arranged a series of tours that will allow students to see the workings of Florida State Prison, near Starke, as well as the Alachua County Jail. Florida State Prison is a maximum security facility that houses Florida's Death Row. Tours of the prison will be held at 1 p.m. Nov. 1 and Nov. 3, and a tour of the county jail will be held Nov. 15 at 3 p.m. If you would like to go on any of these tours, e-mail CLA president Bryon Carroll at bryon322@ufl.edu with your full legal name, gender, birthday, e-mail address driver's license number and state, and which of the tours you would like to attend. Once your reservation is confirmed, you will need to attend the CLA's regular meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 5 p.m. in room 285B to sign paperwork required by corrections officials.

Baldwin on Financial Crime, Terrorism

Professor Fletcher Baldwin will speak on "The Financial War on Organized Crime and Terrorism," at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26 in room 382. The event is sponsored by the International Law Society, and ethnic dining will follow.

ILS Holds Oktoberfest

The International Law Society will celebrate Oktoberfest with a potluck dinner at the home of Associate Dean Stuart Cohn on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 7-9 p.m. Register on the ILS TWEN site.



Allison



Beasley



Maylor



Rigaud

Trial Team Final Four

UF's Trial Team held its Final Four competition Oct. 14, with Thomas Allison winning the award for Best Advocate. Allison and Roni Beasley, who represented the defendant, were named Best Team. Suzette Maylor and Liz Rigaud represented the plaintiff in the competition, which pits the best of UF's student advocates against one another. These four join Oshia Gainer, Ashley Hopson, Kelly Johnson, Scott Barnes, Kemay Jackson and Shanese Rivera as new members of Trial Team.

The Trial Team is set to compete in a number of upcoming competitions. Katie Brinson, Justin Mazzara, Teesha McCrae and Takisha Richardson will act as advocates at St. John's University School of Law's National Civil Rights Trial Competition in Jamaica, New York, Oct. 26-30. Schnelle Tonge, Ray Dominick, Rogers Walker and Sara Holladay-Tobias will compete in the Tournament of Champions at the University of Ohio in Akron Oct. 26-30. Kurt Zaner, Najah Adams, Loreal Belfon and Greg Edwards will represent the team in the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Competition in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Nov. 2-5.

LCC Invites Participation

All law students are invited to attend the twice-monthly meetings of the Law College Council, the student government body for the law school. The group's next meeting will be held Nov. 2, in room 285C. An executive board meeting begins at 6 p.m.

and the general meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

The LCC is currently in the process of allocating office space for student organizations and re-allocating funds of organizations that have forfeited the funds allocated to them by student government. At the next meet-

ing, the group plans to develop a plan of action for distributing those funds.

The LCC is also seeking volunteers to help assure that the free printers in the Internet Café are supplied with paper. The LCC was instrumental in bringing free printing back to the law school after it was discontinued last semester due to student overuse of paper. Anyone interested in helping with the free printers should contact Nathan Skop at skop@ufl.edu.

JMBA Meets Today

The John Marshall Bar Association will meet today, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. in room 285C. Everyone is invited to attend.

ILS Breakfast

The International Law Society will host a "Bring Your Own Breakfast" event Thursday, Oct. 27, at 10 a.m. in the faculty dining room, featuring Conservation Clinic Director Tom Ankersen, who will discuss a wide variety of international environmental law issues. Please register for this event on the ILS TWEN site.

GOP to Meet

The Law School Republicans will hold their general meeting Tuesday, Oct. 25, at noon in the Bailey Courtroom. Featured speaker will be Joe Pileggi, North-Central Florida Field Representative for the Republican Party of Florida. Refreshments will be provided.

Democrats Discuss Disasters Today

The Law School Democrats will hold a general meeting today, Oct. 24, at 5 p.m. in the faculty dining room to discuss the federal response to hurricanes and other catastrophes. Free dinner will be served.

Business Law Student Reception

The Business Law Section of The Florida Bar will sponsor a student reception Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 4 p.m. in the faculty dining room. Come meet business law professors and practicing attorneys and learn about the Business Law Section. Food and drink will be provided.



Give Blood, Save a Life

Law students will have a chance to roll up their sleeves and help others Wednesday, Oct. 26, in a blood drive on the law school campus. The event will be hosted by the Law School Republicans.

Apply for Phi Delta Phi

Applications for membership in the Cockrell Inn of the International Legal Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi are available in Student Affairs, and will be accepted Nov. 2 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Phi

Delta Phi table in the courtyard, or Nov 3. in Student Affairs. For more information, e-mail Xavier Balderas @ Xavier_Balderas@bellsouth.net.

Find Early Success

Douglas Bates, of the firm of Berger Singerman, will give a question-and-answer-driven presentation on "Being a First-Year Lawyer: Making the First Year a Success," Tuesday, Oct. 25, at noon in room 285C. The presentation will not be limited to a specific field of practice, and will cover topics from the Bar exam to office politics. The event is sponsored by the Association for Law and Business. Everyone is invited to attend.

Breakfast on the Plaza

Are you looking for an opportunity to give back to the community here in Gainesville in a tangible and meaningful way? Breakfast on the Plaza, part of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, is scheduled for Nov. 10. Local aid agencies will cook and serve breakfast to the area's homeless and hungry – and they need volunteers.

These agencies will also distribute coats, blankets and non-perishable food items to those who may be sleeping outside in the coming winter. Starting today, Oct. 24, the Florida Bar Foundation and the Public Service Law Fellows will collect items for the homeless. Look for the boxes outside Career Services and in the cafeteria area of Bruton-Geer.

Legal Research and Writing Seeks Assistants

The Legal Research, Writing and Appellate Advocacy Department is selecting teaching assistants for Spring 2006. Applications are available at the Legal Research and Writing office.

Who's Googling You?

Affiliate Professor Bill Chamberlin is offering a seminar on "Privacy in the Age of Google" through the College of Journalism and Mass Communications ins in spring.

This course will be focused on privacy law—including international privacy law, state and federal privacy law as it relates to access to government information, privacy and electronic court records, privacy for relatives of the dead, and data privacy law in general and identity theft in particular. A background in legal research and permission of the instructor required in order to register. Call 273-1095 with questions, or e-mail bchamberlin@jou.ufl.edu.





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PEOPLE SCHOLARSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Scholarship & Activities

Professor **Jonathan Cohen** published "The Culture of Legal Denial" in 84 *Nebraska Law Review* 247-312 (2005).

Professor **Alyson Flourney** commented on two papers at an interdisciplinary symposium on "Environmental Laws, Environmental Letters" at the University of Virginia Oct. 6-7.

Associate Dean for Library and Technology and Clarence J. TeSelle Professor of Law **Kathleen Price** joined attorneys and gallery owners in Jacksonville in an inaugural session for visual artists Oct. 7. Topics discussed included gallery relationships, first amendment issues affecting artists, art in state buildings, and Intellectual Property. Price is working with lawyers who hope to start a chapter of Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, which would offer externship opportunities for UF students in Jacksonville.

Professor **Katheryn Russell-Brown**, director of the Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations, published a chapter, "The Myth of Race and Crime" in Bohm and Walker's *Demystifying Crime and Criminal Justice*

(2006) Roxbury Press.

Legal Skills Professors **Tracy Rambo** and **Henry Wihnyk** presented a workshop/lecture on Appellate Writing to the Commission on Capital Cases in Orlando Oct. 15.

Stephen C. O'Connell Professor **Christopher Slobogin** gave a talk on "Forcible Medication," at the Ninth Biennial Forensic Forum in Columbia, S.C. Oct. 20.

In The News

Professor **Jeffrey Davis** was mentioned in an Oct. 19 *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* article about the Florida Attorney General's investigation into the business practices of Venice landowner Rod Khleif whose "rent-to-own" real estate deals have generated a series of lawsuits and complaints. The investigation was launched in response to an Oct. 2 *Herald-Tribune* investigative piece, in which Davis described Khleif's contracts as "a wide-ranging abuse."

Professor **Alyson Flourney** was interviewed live on the Cable Radio Network Oct. 19, detailing the findings of the Center for Progressive Reform's recent report on the role local, state and federal policy decisions played in

the Hurricane Katrina disaster. Flourney headed the project, which included research from 19 scholars at law schools around the country. Flourney spoke about the report with WOOD-FM in Grand Rapids, Mich. Oct. 20.

Dean Emeritus **Jon Mills**, director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility, was interviewed on WRUF-AM Oct. 18 regarding the nomination of Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court, the future of *Roe v. Wade*, and a number of other Constitutional issues.

Assistant Professor **Christopher Peterson's** study on payday lending in military communities was cited in an Oct. 13 *Navy Times* story about the new Jacksonville ordinance that caps the interest rate on payday loans. Peterson spoke at hearings before the Jacksonville City Commission while that body was considering the ordinance. His study found that the Jacksonville area, home to a large number of Navy personnel, has the highest concentration of payday lenders in the state.



Students Win Bar Scholarship

Dean Robert Jerry (center) congratulated law students Jeff Bekiaries (left) and Kenneth Angell (right) on being chosen as the recipients of The Florida Bar 2005 Young Lawyers Division Scholarship. The two competed against a record number of applicants for the scholarships, which are offered to law students throughout the state of Florida.

Council Targets Compulsive Gambling

Compulsive gambling is the hidden cause of a significant amount of white-collar crime in Florida, say the members of a think tank co-sponsored by the Levin College of Law.

Gambling addictions are driving a growing number of previously law-abiding people into financial crimes such as embezzling and identity theft, according to a report released last week by the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling, whose members met with judges and law enforcement officials in a UF-sponsored event in May.



Sasnett

“We need more research on this problem, and we need a court system that recognizes the impact of compulsive gambling,” said Associate Dean for Student Affairs Gail Sasnett, a member of the Council’s board of directors and the law school’s representative on the think tank. “This is a perfect example of a situation in

which therapeutic justice would be very helpful.”

The council cited a significant amount of anecdotal evidence, collected from courts and law enforcement agencies around the country, indicating the rise of a new class of criminals: gambling addicts, often well-educated and respected in the community, who steal to cover gambling debts.

“At the time they take the money, they typically don’t think they’re stealing,” said Pat Fowler, executive director of the council. “They’re ‘borrowing.’ They think they’re due for a win, and will be able to straighten things out when they do win.”

Fowler said roughly one-third of the compulsive gamblers who call the council’s help line report having stolen money to pay for their habit.

Funded largely by the Department of the Lottery, the council is “gaming neutral,” taking no position in disputes over legalization of various forms of gambling. But the group warns that

Florida and other states often miss the chance to reform a very treatable group of first offenders.

“Compulsive gamblers are usually very responsive to treatment in a 12-step program, particularly if they’ve been arrested, and have lost everything they have,” Fowler said. “Since they commit mostly property crimes, compulsive gamblers are in a good position to make restitution to their victims – and making restitution is part of the treatment process anyway.”

The group urges courts and law enforcement officials to look for compulsive gamblers in the justice system – and offer them treatment and restitution as an alternative to jail time. The group also advocates inclusion of compulsive gamblers in drug court or a similar system of therapeutic justice, as well as the creation of a state-level position to monitor the social effect of compulsive gambling.

“We need someone who can pull all the pieces together and take responsibility for dealing with the problem,” said Sasnett.

Art from page 1

“We asked the students if they wanted something with a legal motif and they emphatically said ‘no,’” Price said. “They seemed to want a place where they could retreat from the pressure of the classroom.”

Students also wanted the funds spent on something useful, Price said, and the committee wanted something that would help build a sense of community.

Cole seemed like the perfect fit. While some of his works have

found their home in prominent museums (one is in the permanent collection of New York City’s Metropolitan Museum of Art), most of his work was created for the outdoors, where people are allowed to approach and even sit on it.

“When I first got started in this business, there were a few artists I was just crazy about, like (abstract expressionist sculptor) David Smith,” he said. “This was work that I really wanted to

get close to, and I used to get so upset that people weren’t allowed to (touch) it.”

Cole has installed two large pieces, titled “The Executive” and “The Legislator,” in the law school’s main entrance on the west side of campus. A larger piece, titled “The Jurist,” will be installed nearby in January.

A smaller piece is now on display in the lobby of the law library. Its location led library staff to whimsically dub it “The Lobbyist.”

Keep Library Clean

The staff of the Lawton Chiles Legal Information Center would like to thank all who use the center for helping keep this beautiful new space clean and food-free.

The library hosts many visitors, including potential employers, donors who helped make the new furnishings possible, prospective fellow students, and other UF faculty and students. Their first impression can have a lasting impact on their view of the law school and our community. Keeping the center clean also helps the law school extend the use of the library for years to come. Please remember not to bring food or beverages other than water into the library when you study.

Please Don’t Smoke at Law School

Smoking is prohibited in law school facilities or within 50 feet of law school buildings. This includes the courtyard and walkways between buildings.

If you do smoke outside the law school, please choose a spot outside of areas non-smokers must pass to enter or exit buildings. This is more than an aesthetic concern: cigarette smoke can cause serious problems for people with allergies and other health issues.

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Send Us Your News

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UF Helps Bring ADR to Poland

Since the collapse of Communism in Eastern Europe, Poland has played host to a steady stream of Western lawyers with advice on how to restructure the Polish legal system.

Now legal scholars from the University of Florida are offering a radically different kind of advice: they're teaching their Polish counterparts how to get cases *out* of the court system.

UF's Levin College of Law teamed up with the Warsaw University Faculty of Law on Oct. 7 to host a conference on mediation as an alternative means of settling civil disputes. Faculty of both universities organized the conference in collaboration with Andrez Kalwasj, Poland's Minister of Justice. The conference, held in Warsaw and attended by about 200 prominent lawyers and judges, was intended to intro-



Mills

duce Polish legal professionals to a new civil mediation system to be introduced in Polish courts in December.

"Mediation has been an important part of the American court system for years, where it has worked wonders in reducing the courts' caseload" said Jon Mills, director of the Center for Governmental Responsibility and one of the organizers of the conference. "In Poland, there is some mediation of criminal issues, but almost none in civil matters – even in family law, where it could be particularly useful."

The conference featured panel discussions with mediation experts from across Europe as well as the United States. Among the American speakers at the event were Mills; Professor Don Peters, head of the Institute for Dispute Resolution at UF; and UF law



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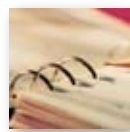
alumnus John Upchurch, CEO of the firm Upchurch, Watson, White and Max, which specializes in mediation.

The conference is only the beginning of UF's commitment to promoting mediation in Poland; Professor Ewa Gmurzynska, director of the UF-affiliated Center for American Law Studies at Warsaw University, has been appointed head of a Ministry of Justice department devoted to establishing a system for alternate dispute resolution. UF faculty say the lawyers and judges at the conference seemed eager for more information on the topic.



Gmurzynska

"There was a lot of interest in a series of more focused workshops on topics such as the licensing of mediators and the development of a code of ethics," said Peters. "They were very enthusiastic about alternate means of dispute resolution."



CALENDAR

October

24 **Faculty Speaker Series w/Jessica Litman**, noon, faculty dining room

JMBA Meeting, 7 p.m., room 285C

Law School Democrats on Federal Hurricane Response, 5 p.m., faculty dining room

25 **Oktoberfest Potluck**, 7 p.m., home of Associate Dean Cohn

Law School Republicans w/ Joe Pileggi, noon, Bailey Courtroom

Business Law Student Reception, 4 p.m., faculty dining room

Being a First-Year Lawyer, noon, room 285C

26 **CLA Meeting**, 5 p.m., room 285B

Professor Fletcher Baldwin on Organized Crime and Terrorism, 5 p.m., room 382

Blood Drive, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., location TBA

27 **International Law Society Breakfast**, 10 a.m., faculty dining room

More Dates Available Online

For more information on the dates and locations of upcoming meetings, check the calendar on the law school's website at: <http://www.law.ufl.edu/calendars/>.